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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, HA

SUBJECT: RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS

REF: PAUP 201

1. TRYING TO DISCOVER THE IDENTITIES OF THE PERSONS NAMED ON THE LIST OF REASED PRISONERS, OTHER THAN JEAN BERNADEL, HAS BECOME A POPULAR SPORT IN THE CAPITAL. ONE WAG HAS ACCURATELY LABELED IT THE "LIST OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS UNKNOWN PERSONS (ILLUSTRES INCONNUS)". IT NOW APPEARS CERTAIN THAT AT MOST THE REMAINING 25 RELEASED PRISONERS WERE SMALL FRY, SOME OF WHOM MAY HAVE BEEN ORDINARY CRIMINALS.

2. ALTHOUGH THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THE PRISONERS WERE PARDONED ON JAN. 22, MRS. BERNADEL WAS STARTLED TO LEARN THE NEWS FROM THE MEDIA ON SAT., JAN. 25, SINCE HER HUSBAND WAS STILL MISSING. SHE SPENT A FRANTIC WEEKEND CONTACTING OFFICIALS AT THE PALACE AND DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR IN AN ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE HER HUSBAND'S WHEREABOUTS AND ENSURE HIS RELEASE. SHE WAS TOLD THAT A NUMBER OF FORMALITIES HAD TO BE DISPOSED OF BEFORE THE PRISONERS COULD BE FREED. FINALLY BERNADEL ARRIVED HOME ON MON., JAN. 27, IN APPARENT GOOD HEALTH.
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